Amendments to the Specification

Amend the heading on page 6, line 1 as follows:
"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~DRAWING~~ DRAWINGS"

Amend page 6, first paragraph (lines 2-4), as follows:

"The present invention will hereinafter be described in conjunction with the appended drawing figures, wherein:

Figure 1 shows ~~showing~~ an exemplary embodiment of the present invention implemented in a personal versatile recorder subsystem of a set-top terminal; and

Figure 2 shows a flowchart illustrating example embodiments of the present invention."

Amend page 11, first full paragraph (lines 4-13), as follows:

"In an alternate embodiment, the recording may be automatically suspended or prevented when a rerun of a program is detected. In such an instance, the predetermined criteria may comprise, for example, EPG data. The EPG data may be received at receiver 30 in a conventional manner. A cable headend operator may control whether the recording of reruns is prevented at the PVR device 20 through the use of authorization commands sent from the headend to the PVR device 20 (e.g., via the set-top terminal 10). Alternatively, the user may control whether the recording of reruns is prevented through a user interface 12 at the PVR 20 (e.g., a remote control and menu application). As an example, this feature would allow a user to record by name all original broadcasts of a certain program, without recording the program reruns."

*Amend page 12, paragraph bridging pages 11-12 (page
11, line 25 through page 12, line 2), as follows:*

"A cable headend operator may control whether the
recording is to be suspended during the time when non-
program specific content is received at the PVR device 20
through the use of authorization commands sent from the
headend to the PVR device 20. Alternatively, the user may
control whether the recording is suspended through a user
interface 12 at the PVR 20."

Amend page 12 by inserting the following new
paragraphs before the first full paragraph (between lines3-
4):

--Figure 2 shows a flowchart illustrating general
example embodiments of the methods in accordance with the
present invention. As shown in Figure 2, television signals
are received at the PVR device (step 200). The PVR device
is enabled to record one or more television programs (step
210). In a first example embodiment (Path 1), recording of
the program may be suspended for a portion of the time the
program would have otherwise been recorded, based on
predetermined criteria (step 212). The predetermined
criteria is discussed above in connection with Figure 1.
Recording is continued until receipt of the end of program
(EOP) notifier (step 214).

In a second example embodiment (path 2), EPG data
associated with the television signals is received at the
PVR (step 216). Recording of reruns can be automatically
prevented at the PVR based on the EPG data, which
identifies programs as being reruns (step 218).

In a third example embodiment (path 3), recording may be suspended based on ATVEF triggers when non-program specific content is received (step 220). ATVEF triggers are discussed above in connection with Figure 1. The non-program specific content may be stored separately from the recorded program (step 222).

In a fourth example embodiment (path 4), an end of program notifier may be provided in the television signal which identifies the end of the program (step 224). Recording is continued until the end of program notifier is received (step 226). Optionally, a program end time may be provided to the PVR for each program (step 228). The PVR may wait a predetermined amount of time after the end time for the end of program notifier to appear, so that recording is stopped at the first to occur of the receipt of the end of program notifier or the lapse of the predetermined time (step 230).--